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Title: Method And Apparatus For Providing Network Security Using Security Labeling

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AMENDMENT & REMARKS ACCOMPANYING  
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Dear Sir:

This paper and the accompanying Request for Continued Examination (RCE) are submitted in response to the final Office Action dated December 9, 2008 (having a shortened statutory period set to expire on March 18, 2009), and Notice of Appeal filed June 8, 2009. Filed herewith is a Petition for Extension of Time requesting a three-month extension, thereby giving the undersigned a period until November 9, 2009, in which to respond (November 8, 2009 having been a Sunday). Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks set forth below.

Amendments to the Specification begin on **page 2** of this paper.

No Amendments to the Drawings are presented in this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on **page 3** of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on **page 28** of this paper.